# PIMA COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE FOR THE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL

4400 E. Broadway #300 Tucson, Arizona 85711 September 23, 2008 Minutes

### **Committee Members Present:**

Ken Karrels, Chair Joe Mucenski Charlie Arbaugh Dave Ruitenberg John S O'Dowd Karol Basel Barbara Carling Ellie Schorr Barbara Rhodes

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Susan Hyder Elizabeth Edwards Lanice Ameling Mary Wetzel

# **ADVISORS PRESENT:**

Yisel Sanchez, ADHS HRC Coordinator Noel Gonzales CPSA Nancy Welch CPSA

# **PUBLIC PRESENT:**

| Issue                                  | Discussion  | Action/Outcomes   | Responsible<br>Party(ies)                             | Date Due |
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| Review of minutes from 8/19/08 meeting | August 19th, 2008 Minutes   | Motion made to accept minutes.  | John moved and Joe seconded that minutes be approved. | N/A      |
| Announcements<br>/Public               | Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup> Nami 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary   |   |   |          |
| Comment                                | Barbara interested in joining PIMA HRC Committee.  Barbara Rhodes was accepted to Eric Gilbertson program. Barbara has also graduated from Mental Court Diversion Program.    | Joe moves and Charles seconds to accept Barbara Rhodes as a HRC committee member,   | Joe<br>Charles  |          |
|  | Expo Saturday September 27 <sup>th</sup> 9:00-4:30  | Barbara will attend as representative for committee.  | Barbara   |          |
| DBHS Report:                           | Yisel reported that she is currently gathering information that will allow her to cross check all open reports to make sure nothing was missed that should already be closed. | Working with CPSA to get<br>new updated list. Noel<br>reported to her that Susan<br>Hodges will make list<br>available by next meeting.   | ADHS  |          |
|  | Ken reports that he spoke to Dr. Nelson in regards to the letter that discussed MM reports.   | Ken expressed his letter not being acceptable. Laura looking into what else could be done and mentioned systematic concern. Dr. Laura Nelson will attend meeting in November to try to help | Ken<br>Dr. Nelson                                     |          |

|                                |  | committee resolve issue at hand.   |                         |
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| M & M Reports<br>John O' Dowd- | Response letter received September 4 <sup>th</sup> and discussion followed.  Committee discussed policy review scheduled in October. | John will get together with Michele and draft a letter for the department expressing detailed issues that anyone can understand.  Committee will create systematic outline of issues that will be reflected in | John<br>Michele<br>John |
|                                | scheduled in October.  | October agenda.  John will contact Michele to meet the October deadline.   | John                    |
|                                |  | Elli suggested that all issues be put into an outline as well as an outlined solution for each issue. This outline should be written so that anyone can understand.  | Elli                    |
|                                |  | Karol suggested that the first issue that should be raised at policy review is that committees should be notified well in advance as to when policy changes will occur.  | Karol                   |

| Michelle-<br>Palo Verde         | Michele was not able to attend.   | Tabled until next meeting.   |                                    |
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| CPSA                            | Noel reported that networked asked to report assessment even when not on alert. Elli asks if once a place is inspected is it re-inspected regularly.  | Noel will ask if reinspection occurs although he believes it doesn't.                        | Noel                               |
|                                 | Noel reports that there is no specific education and or background checks done in a boarding home. Facility is not licensed.  | Committee asks if it would be possible to pass out surveys periodically.                     |                                    |
|                                 | Dave asks what turn around time is in getting a response from a CPSA advocate.  | Noel will look into this, response should be immediate, Dave has been waiting for two weeks. |                                    |
| Center for Life<br>Skills-Susan | Susan is no longer with boyfriend, is currently living in a new home. Noel Gonzalez with CPSA sent investigators to home but nothing was found. Susan has extricated herself from East Side recovery. All wrong doings still taking place at Eastside Recovery. | Charlie no longer represents Susan.  |                                    |
| Upcoming<br>Meeting             | Next Meeting Date October 28th 2008   | Adjournment 12:15 PM   | Joe moved and<br>Barbara seconded. |